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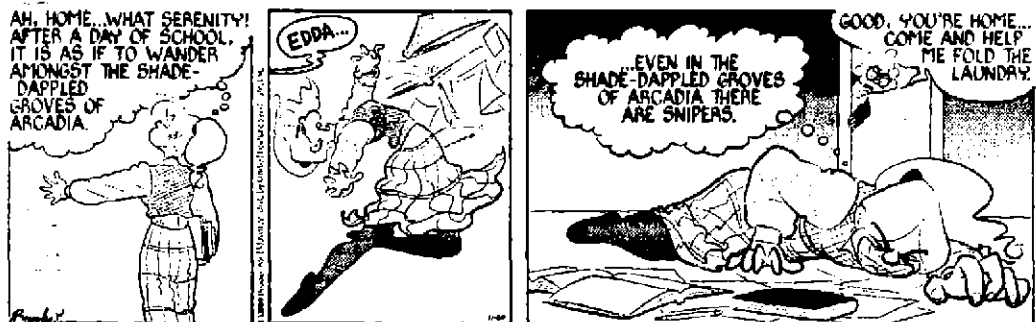
SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



JUMP START



ROSE IS ROSE



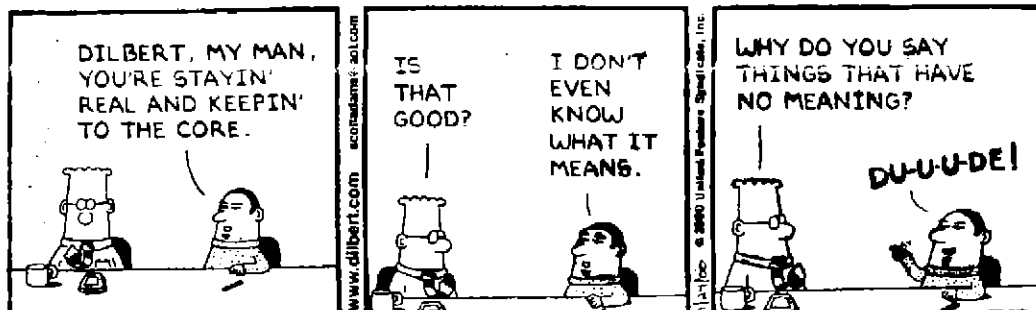
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



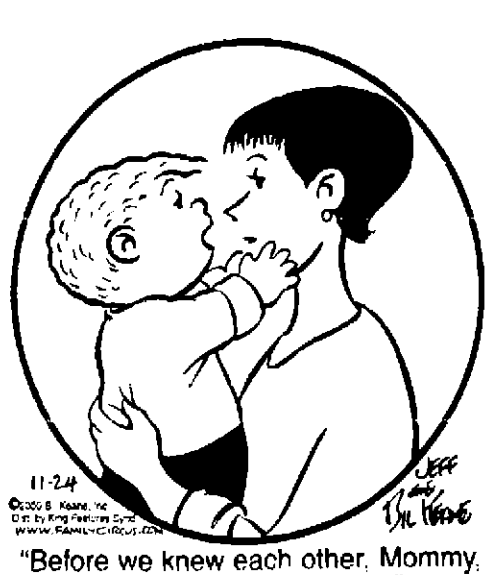
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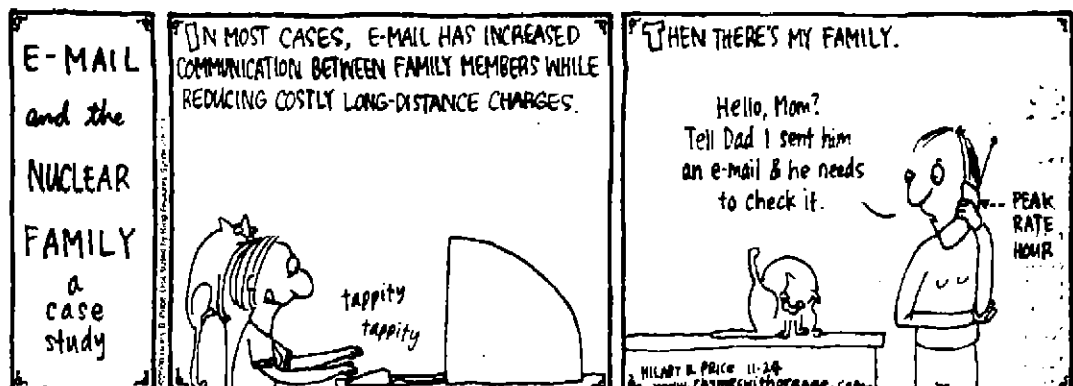
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Columnist William F. Buckley is 76.
Country singer Johnny Carver is 60. Rock 'n' roll drummer Pete Best is 59. Rock musician Donald "Duck" Dunn (Booker T. & the MG's) is 59. Actor-comedian Billy Connolly is 58. Former White House news secretary Martin Fitzwater is 58. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman is 56. Singer Lee Michaels is 55.

I NEED HELP



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P	L	C	H	E	F	T
I	E	U	S	R	Z	E
E	E	I	S	H	Y	F

PAR SCORE 120-130
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (When Am Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 11/24/00

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

SATURN

T J G C Z W T Q N J G D A X U
R O T L J G D A X V S O P N K
I F C E N E L E H A X S V S Q
O L J H N E E C Y A U P X V T
S R P N B A G L P T J Y N H F
D N B E Y X L O E L I L A G V
T S O R N S P P R H E A T O M
K H U O G O A I D G C I E D
P B Z N M I X O S Y H T E T
W U I T A R O D N A P H R Q O
N R L J I J G F D C A Y X W V

Thursday's unlisted clue: SALT LAKE CITY
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue: ENCIRCLES THE PLANET

Calypso	Hydrogen	Moons	Rhea
Dione	Hyperion	Pandora	Tethys
Galileo	Iapetus	Phoebe	Titan
Helene	Janus	Planet	

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HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, Nov. 25, 2000

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Allowing everyone their own free will is definitely the best course of action.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A backhanded compliment leaves you blinking.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A simple grasp of cause and effect should be enough to prevent you from making the same mistake twice.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your lack of patience is very surprising to another.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You find yourself feeling unusually predatory.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) A small piece of unfinished business can cast a looming shadow over the future.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) The final outcome of your current dilemma is very much in your own hands.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Don't forget that it is quite possible to enjoy yourself greatly at absolutely no cost.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) The world is yours for the taking.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Suddenly you understand a seemingly small problem on a whole new level.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Your senses are fully alive, and you are more than ready for some completely new experiences.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You are forced to take crumbs of comfort where you can find them.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

West's penalty double of three hearts would be a poor choice at rubber bridge. At duplicate, when West can make two spades (110 points), he earns a poor result for defeating three hearts for 100 points. With little to lose and much to gain, West's double aims at a top score.

West cashed two high spades and shifted to the diamond jack. Dummy's ace won, and South led a heart to his king and a heart back to dummy's ace. With an unavoidable trump loser, how best to avoid two club losers?

Leading dummy's club jack for a finesse will not work. East will not cover the first of two honors, and South must lose two club tricks. If South plays his ace, West jettisons his king, and East's Q-9 remains over dummy's 10 to collect two club winners. If South runs the jack to West's king, it leads to the same result. West wins, cashes his high trump, and leads a club for the same one down.

At the table, South cashed three diamond winners and played the ace and another club to trap West. If West unloaded his king under the ace, South would lose only one club. And if he held on to it, West would have no safe lead after he wins his club king and trump queen.

NORTH		1124	
♠ A 5			
♥ A 10 8 5			
♦ A K 3			
♣ J 10 7 5			
WEST		EAST	
♠ A K 10 7		♠ J 8 5 3 2	
♥ Q J 9		♥ 2	
♦ J 10 9 7		♦ A 8 5	
♣ K 3		♣ Q 9 8 2	
SOUTH			
♠ Q 4			
♥ K 7 6 4 3			
♦ Q 4 2			
♣ A 6 4			
Vulnerable: Both			
Dealer: East			
The bidding:			
East	South	West	North
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	All pass
Opening lead: Spade King			

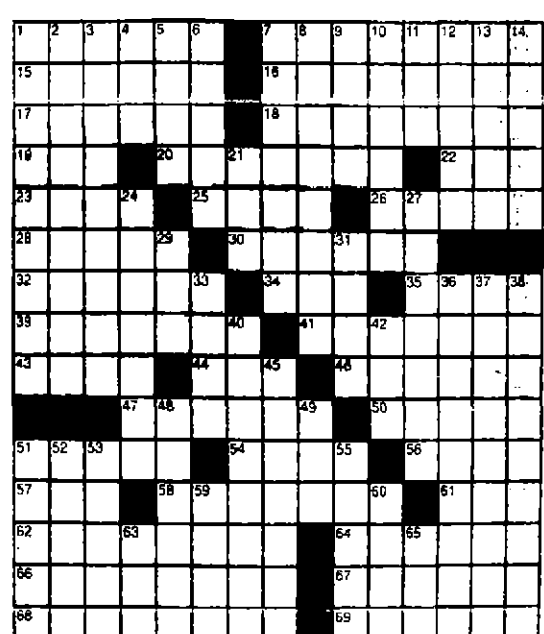
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 1012

- ACROSS**
- Part you don't want to miss
 - This American "Life" radio host
 - Thin out
 - Admission of 1867
 - Not sure what's wrong
 - Reason to stop the presses
 - "Children of the Albatross" author
 - One who's always off?
 - Med. specialty
 - Apprehended
 - Star trek voyagers?
 - Sea breeze ingredient
 - Spain's Gulf of
 - 1994 Denis Leary comedy
 - Made up (for)
 - Grp. that used to give a dam?
 - Earthquakes' points of origin
 - Went off, in a way
 - Cheer up
 - Artist with popular lithographs
 - Person in a pullover?
 - Museum figure
 - Gather abundantly
 - Train's crashing place
 - Come together
 - Dates
 - President exiled to Hawaii in 1960
 - Carrier of Sinbad
 - Popular 70's gift
 - Bobbie the ball!
 - Curry powder ingredient
 - Fleecy fabric
 - Requirement for access, maybe
 - Get plenty of sleep
 - Opposed
 - Spirited
- DOWN**
- Engine housing
 - Gizmo used in making photo ID's
 - Resolved
 - La Seyne-sur-
 - Winston Churchill's "Country"
 - Plant tissue
 - Viewable
 - Stay
 - Au fait
 - Distress
 - It's measured in degrees: Abbr.
 - Comparable to a beet
 - Shut out
 - Present presenter
 - Work with a shuttle
 - People in circles?
 - Part of a board
 - Wye follower, along the Wye

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SCANS HAD MOR
SALAMI IOTA ARE
EVENINGGOWN DOT
ATLANTIC CITY
JUT HER TEESUP
ASOF TRAIT LONE
RENEW PRETENDS
BERT PARKS
FAIRDEAL OTHER
ANTI DREWS AURA
STYLES HUG TEN
HERESHECOMES
INA MISSAMERICA
ONT ERAT AMERICA
NAE STU EASES



Puzzle by Joe DiPietro

- 31 "The Virtue of Selfishness" author
- 33 It may be cut
- 36 Lets off steam?
- 37 Like some chops
- 38 Seeking help
- 40 Is in jail
- 42 It travels in an arc
- 45 Run through
- 48 Quakers
- 49 Prefix with conservative
- 51 Figure skater Dmitriev
- 52 Source of some clicks
- 53 Back forty's forty
- 55 It may help you avoid the draft
- 59 He was, in old Rome
- 60 "The Goldfish" painter
- 63 Test for internal injuries, briefly
- 65 Telepathy, e.g.

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